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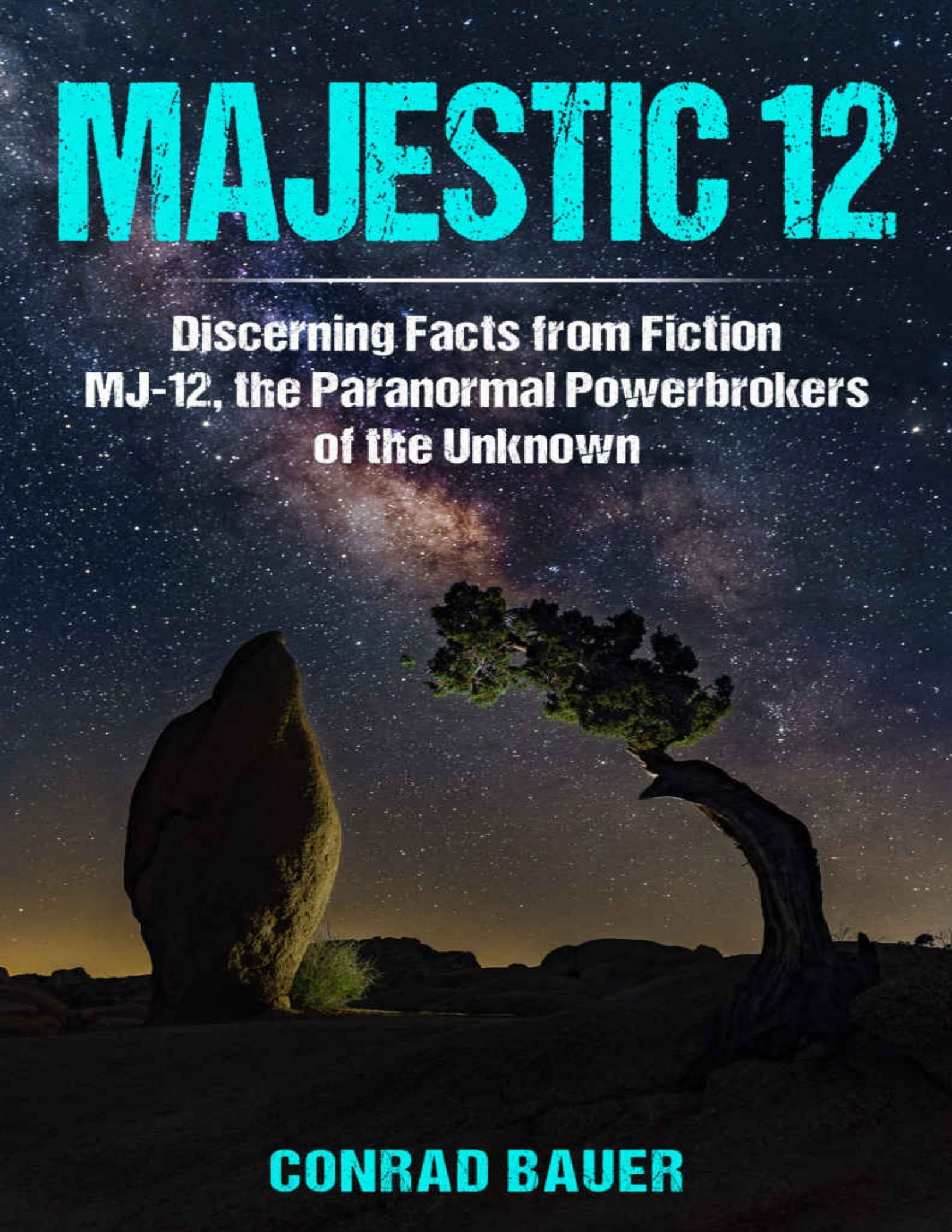

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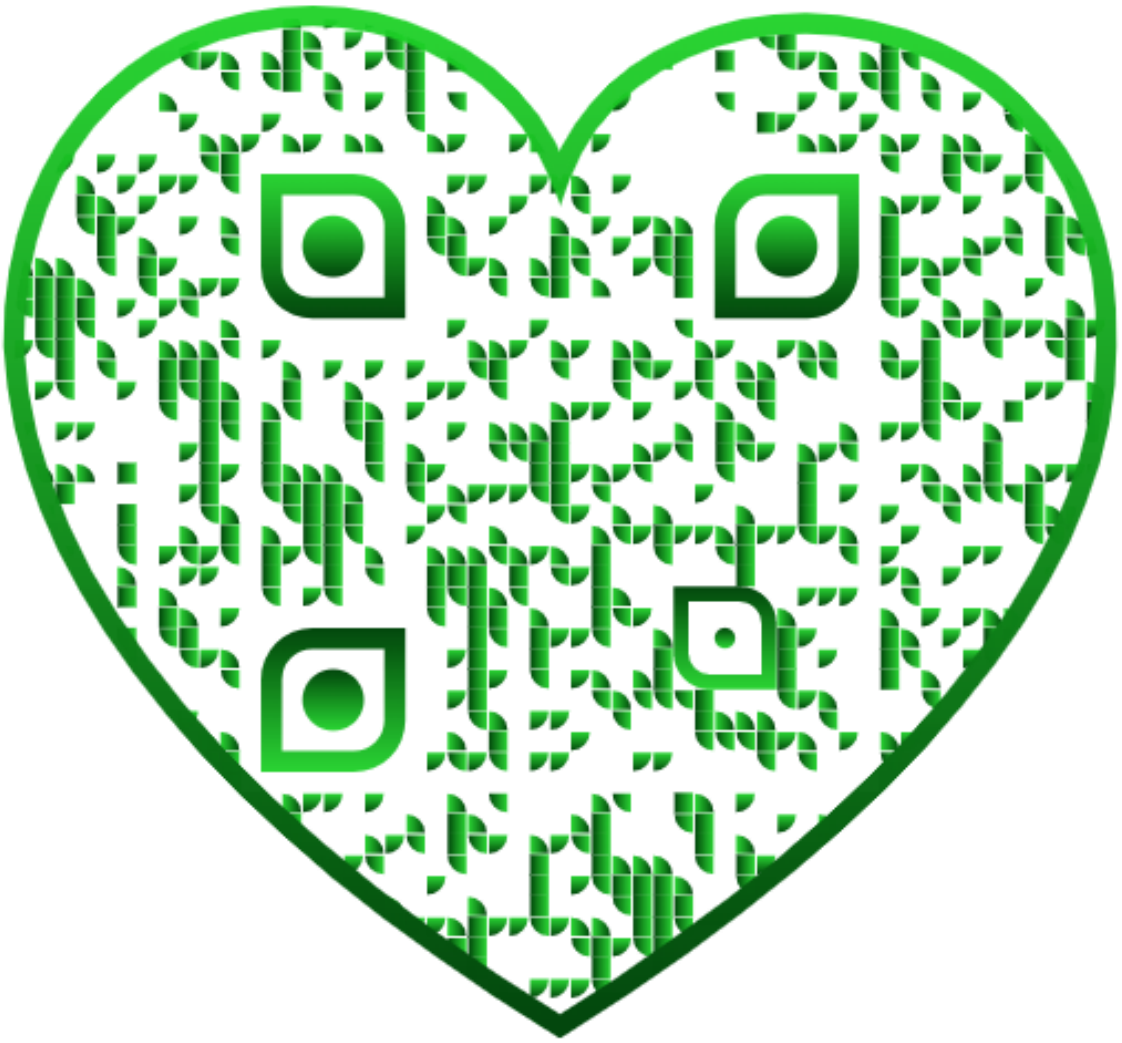

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A Sinister Cabal?
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Secret organizations and societies provoke suspicion by their very nature. For those who are outside of the lodge door of some secret club, no matter how benign their public face might be—we can't help but wonder what the club members are up to. The Freemasons are a perfect example of this.

Freemason membership is now fairly common and a lodge is on just about every corner. And if you were to ask a Freemason what their activities at the lodge are, most would state that it's just a place to hang out, maybe have some drinks, and play a game of cards with their buddies. Yet, the fact that certain traditions of the club are secret and known by members only provokes immediate whispers of conspiracy.

The same goes for secretive government institutions. But the stakes of secret government organizations, of course, are much higher. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his farewell address to the nation in 1961, famously warned of not only a "military-industrial complex" run amok but also how "in the councils of government" we would be wise to "guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence."

The top-secret board of unelected bureaucrats known as the "Majestic 12" is allegedly a secret group nestled deep within the United States government that has acquired massive influence through their ownership of what has been claimed to be the biggest secret in human history. That not only are alien visitors real but the U.S. government—through the Majestic 12 as direct intermediaries—are in routine interaction with them.

According to the main narrative presented in regard to the MJ-12, it was after the Roswell crash that a group of 12 experts was convened to handle the "UFO problem." They studied debris and dead bodies, and eventually… made contact with living aliens. It was with these aliens that they supposedly helped broker a binding treaty of cooperation with otherworldly entities.

Could such a secret group really exist and enter into negotiations with off-world visitors on our behalf? For those who believe in this conspiracy theory, the whole thing reeks of duplicitous deception. Other true believers, however, have entertained the idea that this shadowy organization is actually working for the greater good—as noble stewards of humanity.

Of course, it could all be just a load of baloney either way. As mentioned, much of the true facts of the matter may have been rendered nearly unrecognizable, due to a steady deluge of disinformation. Nevertheless, this book is written with an open mind, so that all aspects of the Majestic 12 narrative—whether true or false—can be thoroughly examined.

How it All Began
Shandera and Friedman

Before we get into the full historical narrative of the alleged secret governmental organization called “Majestic 12,” let’s explain how this whole saga came to prominence, in the first place. Back in the early 1980s a UFO researcher and former nuclear physicist, by the name of Stanton Friedman began working with director and filmmaker—Jaime Shandera.

Friedman had already broken new ground in UFO circles by writing a book on UFOs which took a fresh look at the Roswell Incident. Before Friedman’s book, the incident had been largely forgotten. Due to Friedman’s research and particularly his engaging interviews with alleged witnesses who were on the ground—he managed to break the story wide open once again.

It was due to his success in uncovering new information on Roswell, that Jaime Shandera recruited Stanton Friedman to work as a consultant on his film. The film ultimately fell through due to budget constraints, but it was just as these two men parted company and went their separate ways, that Shandera suddenly called Stanton up to tell him about some interesting developments.

In December of 1984, someone had left a roll of microfilm mixed in with Shandera’s mail at his house in Burbank, California. The film was in a simple, non-descript envelope. There was no return address, but it was postmarked from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Shandera had the microfilm developed and was shocked to find what appeared to be top-secret government documents.

The clearly worn and aged documents were headed with an official-looking type that read “Top Secret/MAJIC.” The words “Top Secret” were explanation enough—but what was this “MAJIC” stuff all about? Shandera could only wonder. But as he began to read through the documents, he was shocked.

He was holding in his hands what claimed to be no less than a presidential briefing document. Or as the first page of the document was titled, “Briefing Document: Operation Majestic 12 Prepared for President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower: (Eyes Only) 18 November 1952.” This was supposedly a memo for then-president-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The wording in the text was urgent as if the soon-to-be president needed to be briefed, and very quickly brought up to speed, about a matter of tremendous national (if not global) importance. The second page then detailed those who were involved in putting this debriefing together, a group of 12 important men who were dubbed the “Majestic 12.”

They were:

1. James V. Forrestal (U.S. Secretary of Defense)
2. Gordon Gray (Assistant Secretary of the Army)
3. General Hoyt Vandenberg (Chief of Military Intelligence)
4. Major General Robert Montague (Special Weapons Project head for AEC)
5. General Nathan F. Twining (Commander/Air Material Command/Wright Field)
6. Rear Admiral Sidney Souers (First CIA Director)
7. Rear Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter (CIA Director from 1947 to 1950)
8. Dr. Vannevar Bush (Scientific Advisor/Atomic Research)
9. Dr. Detlev Bronk (Biophysicist/Head of NAS)
10. Dr. Lloyd Berkener (Executive Secretary of Joint Research and Development)
11. Dr. Jerome Hunsaker (National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics Chairman)
12. Dr. Donald Menzel Astrophysics Professor/Cryptographer Expert/Writer).

It was a thought-provoking group of people. But one individual who immediately stood out to Stanton Friedman was Dr. Donald Menzel. Friedman himself had had dealings with Menzel in the past. Menzel had been a thorn in the side of many ufologists for years, as a debunking antagonist of

all things related to UFOs. Friedman recalled that Menzel had been highly critical of any notion of UFOs and alien visitation, and had written a book solely focused on disproving the phenomenon.

Here was a man who had spent years shouting from the rooftops that UFOs were fake, and yet, according to this MJ-12 document—he was a direct insider to the phenomenon. At first, Friedman couldn't believe Menzel was capable of such bizarre contortions of thought. How could he claim that UFOs were nothing but hoaxes and the ramblings of crazies, while simultaneously living a secret life in which he laboriously studied real-life UFOs and their occupants?

But as bizarre as such a thing seemed at first glance, after giving it some thought, it suddenly made sense. Friedman realized that one of Menzel's main tasks for the Majestic 12 was to work as a disinformation agent. Menzel was busy debunking legitimate accounts of ET visitation in order to keep the public off the trail of what was really happening.

Dr. Menzel after all, a Harvard professor and gifted science writer, was quite good at making persuasive arguments. Could he have used this skill to persuasively argue against something, which deep down, he knew was real? It would be a clever ruse if true. Besides the audacity of it all, however, Stanton Friedman knew that Menzel would have to have a high-security clearance to be part of such a group.

He knew that all of the other generals, intelligence agents, and atomic researchers very well did have such clearances, but Menzel? He was a civilian professor/writer. Certainly, he wouldn't have had access to classified data. Yet Stanton eventually looked into the matter. And after searching through the archives at Harvard, he discovered to his shock, that Menzel did indeed have a top-secret security clearance—a fact that even his own wife was unaware of.

As it turns out, Dr. Menzel had worked as a consultant on several classified government projects. And his work in the domain of secret government projects stretched back several decades. This much was revealed by browsing

through official records, but Stanton Friedman, for one, figured that as revealing as all this was—it was just the very tip of a classified ice berg.

So it was, that many of these pieces of this Majestic 12 puzzle began to quite stunningly fit together. Interestingly enough, as diverse as the MJ-12 cast of characters were, they all had one thing in common. At the time Shandera received the MJ-12 papers—they were all dead!

The very last one of them to die in fact, passed on just weeks before the secret documents were dropped off. This seemed to indicate that whoever dropped off the microfilm, had specifically waited until the very last member of the original Majestic 12 had died. The motive behind this depends on your interpretation.

If it's all a hoax, it could be argued that the person who compiled the documents used dead subjects so that they would not be able to refute the claims. This seems a bit of a stretch, however, because rather than picking this particular group of individuals and waiting for them to die off—wouldn't it make more sense for a hoaxer to simply choose a group of high-profile people who were already dead in the first place?

Why compile a fake document and then wait for the subjects of that document to perish? Wouldn't it make more sense for a hoaxer to simply choose a group of high-profile people who were already dead in the first place? If, however, the documents are real, this series of events would make sense.

For it would lend credence to the notion that the 12 people mentioned in the MJ-12 documents, were indeed involved in Majestic 12, and as such, the person who wished to reveal this, purposefully waited for the last member to perish before releasing the data. Why would that be? Most likely to protect the individuals involved.

If the documents were released while some members of the original Majestic 12 were still alive, those individuals would be compromised, and subject to public scrutiny. In the public circus and firestorm that might have ensued,

this could have ruined their careers, reputation—and if they didn't play their cards right—could have brought down the wrath of other members of the intelligence community upon them.

Dr. Menzel, for example, would have been awfully nervous if the National Enquirer suddenly appeared on his doorstep demanding to know why his name showed up in a document related to the recovery of alien spacecraft. He could dispute the claim all day long, but he would still be compromised all the same. Since dead men don't talk, however, it would have been much safer for an insider to leak information about them once they had expired.

Now that we've hashed out all of these aspects surrounding the background of this data dump, let's dive into the information that this alleged top-secret memo actually contained. What was the purpose of the so-called Majestic 12? The debriefing memo provides a startling summary of some rather incredible events and how these 12 men had become involved with them.

The memo gave a brief synopsis of the UFO phenomenon, before revealing that a crashed alien spacecraft had been recovered some 75 miles from Roswell, New Mexico in July of 1947. Along with the wreckage of the craft, the document stated that "four small human-like beings" were also recovered. The beings were human-like in the sense that they had one head, two arms, and two legs, but as the briefing progresses, we learn that these entities were far from human.

The document speaks of how the aliens most likely "ejected" at some point before the crash since they "had fallen to Earth about two miles east of the wreckage." The memo then goes on to note, "All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one-week time period which had elapsed before their discovery."

So according to this document while a local rancher by the name of "Mac Brazel" was going around, staring in wonder at the wreckage that had rained down in an open field; the actual alien occupants had been sitting some two miles away, where they had ejected from the craft, yet perished anyhow.

During that time the elements and even wild animals had somewhat degraded the remains, but the otherworldly entities were still recovered intact.

The report states that it was after the wreckage and the aliens were smuggled away to be sent off to high-security labs to be studied, that the official cover-up began. As a part of this process, the report states that "news reporters were given the effective cover story that the object had been a misguided weather research balloon." Anyone who has ever covered the Roswell saga of course knows that the Roswell UFO was stated to be a weather balloon.

According to the MJ-12 memo, however, after a quick overview of the wreckage, the experts convened to examine it very quickly came to the conclusion "that the disc was most likely a short-range reconnaissance craft." This was apparently deduced through the common-sense reasoning of how small the craft was as if it were some sort of scout ship, and also because of its "apparent lack of any identifiable provisioning."

The memo then goes on to state the nature of the occupants. They are once again described as "human-like in appearance" yet preliminary findings clearly indicated that "the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo sapiens." In other words—they had all the hallmarks of what one might expect of extraterrestrials from another planet.

The briefing memo then goes on to explicitly suggest that "the term 'Extra-terrestrial Biological Entities," or "EBEs" be adopted as the standard term of reference" for the dead aliens that had been recovered. Understanding their alien nature, the next question on the recovery team's mind would, of course, be—*where did these aliens come from?*

It's interesting to note that at the point in time that this memo was written—the early 1950s—NASA had yet to determine that Mars was a dead world. The writers of the debriefing document did not suggest the beings were Martians, but due to the lack of definitive proof that Mars was dead (convincing proof would not come until the 1970s), Mars was raised by some, as a possibility.

The scientists involved, however—in particular science writer Dr. Menzel—were already convinced that these beings were most likely from much farther out. Or as the document reads, “Mars was and remains a possibility, although some scientists, most notably Dr. Menzel, consider it more likely that we are dealing with beings from another solar system entirely.”

Although it was several decades before incontrovertible proof of exo-planets—planets revolving around other star systems—would be available, Menzel was already of the opinion that these entities were most likely from a planet around some other far-flung star system.

How would these beings travel from so far away? Since even the nearest star system is unreachable with conventional propulsion, it soon became clear that these visitors had a technology that far surpassed anything humanity had come up with. The report then goes on to speak of efforts to figure out *how* the craft flew.

The briefing stated that “Research along these lines has been complicated by the complete absence of identifiable wings, propellers, jets, or other conventional methods of propulsion and guidance, as well as a total lack of metallic wiring, vacuum tubes, or similar recognizable electronic components.”

It’s important to note that at the time that these documents were allegedly put together, the most advanced form of circuitry was “vacuum tubes” and not computer chips. A former military intelligence officer by the name of Philip Corso who claimed to have been involved with the distribution of this recovered alien wreckage to various American research facilities would later write a book about it.

It was Corso’s book *The Day After Roswell* in which he claimed that many modern advancements of technology were due to researchers figuring out how certain components recovered from Roswell worked. According to Corso, the modern computer chip was made possible through research of the Roswell wreckage. Remember how the memo states that there were no

“visible” components.

Microchips are not exactly huge and are easy to miss from a cursory examination of a piece of equipment. And alien microchips may have even been quite literally microscopic, entirely invisible to the human eye. They could have been woven directly into the hull, so small, as to have not been noticed during the initial recovery of the debris.

Corso claims that the development of the modern microchip among other things can be directly traced back to knowledge gleaned from alien technology. Perhaps the American government did indeed get their hands on an alien craft, which was maybe thousands of years more advanced.

It would indeed make sense that certain secondary features of their technology would be understood before more advanced concepts could be tackled. Basic (at least basic from an alien’s perspective) technology like microchips could be grasped, but how the actual engine of the ship worked, might remain virtually impossible to fathom.

UFO whistleblower Bob Lazar tells a similar story, of how exotic material was basically being dumped on research facilities. No one knew where the stuff came from and they knew better than to ask their handlers. According to Lazar they were simply handed super-advanced technology and told to figure out how it worked. In other words, to back-engineer it.

It has been suggested that it was the effort to back-engineer this tech, which was part of the reason for keeping an alien presence and alien technology secret in the first place. Because along with the fear of a panicky reaction among the lay public, there was also concern that direct knowledge of a society so much more technologically advanced than humanity, would stifle human scientists.

Such rationale really does make sense if you think about it. Scientists pushing for breakthroughs in certain fields could lose morale and begin to feel apathetic in their efforts when they realize that another civilization has already figured it out. What would have been the point of the Mayans’

reinventing the wheel for example, when invading Spaniards already had much more advanced wagon trains at their disposal? If the brightest minds of one civilization can't even hold a candle to another—it could become a completely demoralizing and disillusioning experience.

Such thinking is straight out of the Brookings Institution Report that was issued right around this time, in which it was concluded, "Anthropological files contain many examples of societies, sure of their place in the universe, which have disintegrated when they have had to associate with previously unfamiliar societies espousing different ideas and different life ways; others that survived such an experience usually did so by paying the price of changes in values and attitudes and behavior."

The MJ-12 debriefing document itself explicitly goes on to issue a similar warning, "Science itself may undergo a traumatic transformation, with belief structures in shambles, putting the institutions under scrutiny by the layman, thus eroding any credibility." Again, to understand where these alleged MJ-12 experts were coming from with their fears of modern science falling apart at the seams. Just imagine a medieval scientist trying his best to conduct experiments and explain where lightning comes from.

He wrongly concludes that lightning is the result of vaporous gases in the ether. He's wrong in his findings, but at least he made the effort. Now imagine this medieval scientist putting forth his erroneous conclusion, only to have a local villager (layman) shout at them, "You're full of shit! Lightning doesn't come from the ether! It comes from the ground! The aliens told me!"

The scientist realizing that there's nothing left for him to do (because advanced aliens already filled everyone in on everything already), would then heave a demoralized sigh, slump his shoulders, and give up trying to make any further scientific breakthroughs on his own. In other words, all future scientific efforts by human beings would be utterly shattered.

Rather than have human scientists become discouraged from figuring out new technological breakthroughs, in light of the knowledge that an ET civilization had already figured it out—it was deemed better to have scientists

completely ignorant of where the tech came from. The "high ups", just handed the tech over without any explanation of its origins, and had them do research on it in a top-secret environment, so that they could figure it out on their own.

And according to Corso, while mastering the actual propulsion system of the craft had continued to elude researchers, they were able to glean secondary technologies such as microchips, fiber optics, lasers, and even bulletproof vests (the aliens were allegedly wrapped in finely woven, super-strong threads, akin to Kevlar).

As it pertains to the MJ-12 briefing document for then-president-elect Eisenhower in the early 1950s, it was made strikingly clear that the new president was to keep a tight lid on all of these developments. The document stated that due to “the obvious international and technological considerations and the ultimate need to avoid a public panic at all costs, the Majestic 12 group remains of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new administration.”

Eisenhower was the president-elect, yet according to all this, it was the Majestic 12 who were truly calling the shots and telling him what to do. Eisenhower was lucky, however, because if the Majestic 12 saga is to be believed, pretty soon even sitting U.S. presidents would be entirely kept out of the loop.

Majestic 12 Gets Busy

The most pressing priority of Majestic 12 was to keep the information of ET visitation secret. Second to this was to utilize all resources at their disposal to figure out how ET tech worked. It was in the pursuit of these two pressing objectives that the Majestic 12 allegedly turned to a startling resource—scientists who had previously worked for Nazi Germany.

Before anyone reading this begins to think that this book has taken a sharp turn into all-out "conspiracy la la land" it's worth noting that the United States did indeed procure hand-picked scientists from Nazi Germany at the close of World War Two. The now-declassified program was called "Operation Paperclip."

Immediately after the war, there was a fear that top German scientists well versed in tech such as rocketry and perhaps even nuclear weapons—would fall into the hands of the Soviet Union. It was in an effort to counteract this that the United States attempted to scoop up the best and brightest minds of the Germans. This is not a myth—this really happened and is part of the official historical narrative.

The Americans were so eager to recruit German scientists in fact, that they often overlooked those guilty of war crimes. It was for this reason that the eventual head of NASA's Apollo program, which put astronauts on the moon—Verner Von Braun—was able to not only come to the United States to work on cutting-edge space technology but also have his war record wiped clean.

So, there you have it. Due to what we know of Project Paper Clip, the idea that the U.S. government (along with other countries) would use top scientists procured from Nazi Germany is not fiction—it is a cold hard fact. It really happened. The question is—whether or not these German scientists were used to study tech retrieved from Roswell. According to the Majestic 12 documents, they were.

There is a line in the MJ-12 debriefing memo, in fact, that specifically states. "Utilization of Paperclip specialists has yielded valuable results in new weapons research in areas of flight dynamics, biological and chemical agents, mind control, and intelligence gathering techniques." Quite shocking implications indeed.

The documents then go on to state certain early advancements that were made, in regard to the development of special alloys that could withstand high temperatures. It was noted that if future spaceflight were possible (these documents were allegedly written before manned spaceflight had begun), new alloys and composite material would have to be invented. This 1950s memo then goes on to specifically mention that new alloys derived from the Roswell wreckage could be useful for that purpose.

The document then goes on to speculate that perhaps nuclear-powered space vehicles might be possible. While NASA never really developed such vehicles, it is interesting to note, that the man who would come to study and champion the MJ-12 documents—UFO researcher and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman—at one time worked on government think tank projects about the potential for nuclear propulsion.

Such details no doubt stood out to Friedman on many levels, as he researched these documents. The mention of Dr. Vannevar Bush as an original Majestic 12 member stood out as well. Friedman during his research noted that Bush was notorious for compartmentalizing information. In the large-scale projects he was involved in, both during and after World War Two, developers were on a need-to-know basis.

They were only given knowledge of what they needed to know, in order to get their particular task on the project done—and nothing else. The Manhattan Project that manufactured the first nuclear bomb was infamous for this methodology. During the project that built the world's first nuclear weapons, there were many with specific jobs that were important for the overall development of the bomb, who had no idea what they were actually working on. It wasn't until that nuclear payload was dropped over Japan, that many involved with various aspects of the project, realized that they had just

helped build atomic bombs.

Compartmentalization was key in the top-secret Manhattan Project, and it was allegedly crucial in the reverse engineering of ET tech as well. For the Manhattan Project, this method was deemed necessary for secrecy. If after all, only a few people at the top knew what the end result of the project would be—there was much less chance of the secret leaking out to the enemy.

As it pertains to the compartmentalization of reverse engineering ET technology, the reasoning for secrecy is two-fold. It's to prevent the truth from leaking out, but also to shield the psyche of scientists from the unnecessary Earth-shattering reality of what it was that they are working on. Majestic 12 wanted scientists to figure out how different aspects of ET tech worked—without them being bogged down with all of the philosophical implications of ET contact.

Now that all of this has been considered. Let's ask the question: Why were aliens allegedly buzzing the Earth in 1947 in the first place? Infiltrating our skies, leading to a Roswell crash, and the development of MJ-12? Stanton Friedman for one always had a hunch that it was to do with the atomic bomb. For anyone who has ever researched the whole UFO saga, it's clearly recognizable that there have been many sightings near nuclear weapon facilities.

These instances have made it seem as if otherworldly visitors have taken a keen interest in humanity's capacity for blowing itself up in a nuclear Armageddon. Well—if an alien civilization were monitoring the Earth, it would indeed make sense that they would be at least somewhat interested in our nuclear weapons. Just imagine alien scientists studying our beautiful blue planet Earth, only to have it suddenly blown to bits by its nuclear-wielding inhabitants.

Even if they weren't too concerned about the welfare of human beings, they would at least be frustrated that a world they were actively exploring was suddenly destroyed. Some might even speculate that aliens would intervene to stop human beings from annihilating each other. Some have suggested that

this was even the main purpose of ET visitation to our world in the first place.

According to this theory, it was as if the mushroom cloud of the first nuclear bomb blast, which occurred at the Trinity test site in New Mexico, on July 16th, 1945, served as a cosmic smoke signal and got the attention of a worried alien civilization. Such a thing isn't as far-fetched as it might seem at first glance.

In recent years, American scientists, searching for potential alien civilizations around the exoplanets of other star systems, have actually suggested that it might be possible to detect nuclear blasts on other planets. For if the instruments of detection are finely tuned enough, they would indeed be able to pick up the entirely unique, telltale signatures of nuclear explosions on other worlds.

And a civilization perhaps a thousand years more advanced than ours just might have their instruments set on a finely tuned tripwire to alert them, right when a nearby world goes nuclear. That alien civilization would not only use that as a tool to locate another civilization but also as a clear indicator that intervention might be required to prevent that newly discovered civilization from completely disintegrating before they could even take a second look.

According to the standard UFO narrative, it was indeed the Trinity blast that attracted alien visitors to our world. If so, it is indeed interesting that the Roswell crash occurred approximately two years from the Trinity detonation, and in the vicinity of that very blast. It was as if it took the ETs who detected it, around two years to get here from wherever they came.

Nuclear physicist and ufologist Stanton Friedman, who was a lead researcher of both the alleged Roswell crash and Majestic 12, was convinced that the visiting craft came from a star system 39 light-years away called "Zeta Reticuli." The reason he postulated this for the origin of the aliens, was due to his close work on the infamous Betty and Barney Hill abduction case.

Without going too much into the details; for those who don't know, Betty and

Barney were a New Hampshire couple who claimed to have been abducted in the early 1960s. One of the more intriguing aspects of the case was that Betty had asked one of the aliens where they were from, and he proceeded to show her star charts. The ET indicated various worlds they visited and “trade routes” they followed, before indicating their home star, and its corresponding constellation.

Under hypnosis, Betty actually reproduced the star chart in which the alien’s home world was a part. From Betty’s own handwritten drawing, an astronomer by the name of “Marjorie Fish” was convinced that it was an exact match of the Zeta Reticuli system some 39 light-years away. Now, to be clear, the name “Zeta Reticuli” is a name earth-based scientists have given to this particular star system.

As much as it has come to be associated with aliens, the name itself is a human contrivance. No one knows what the aliens themselves might actually call their home star system any more than what they might call our own Earth. We call it “Earth” for example, but to them maybe it's just some forlorn outpost on an ET trade route, which they refer to as “Sprigligg 82.” It’s fun to speculate—but who really knows, right?

It was hypothesized that the Roswell craft's point of origin just might be the star system that we humans call “Zeta Reticuli.” What’s so interesting about this in light of Roswell and the Majestic 12 however, is that Friedman postulated that if aliens were able to reach 99.9% of the speed of light, it should take them roughly two years to get to Earth from Zeta Reticuli. Friedman explains that this is due to Einstein’s proven hypothesis of time dilation being involved with general relativity.

Light years are a means of measuring distance in space by how long it takes light to travel. If it takes 39 years for the light from the Zeta Reticuli system to reach us, common sense would seem to tell us that even if we traveled at the speed of light, it would take 39 years to get there. So how does Stanton get two years out of what would otherwise be a 39-year trip? Because of time dilation.

Stanton Friedman insisted that there was a major misconception about how interstellar travel would work due to the nature of time and space. According to Friedman, for those traveling at such a high rate of speed, time begins to warp. And the faster you go, the more time—which is directly woven into space—will warp. Stanton predicted that for someone traveling near the speed of light, 39 years would actually be perceived as roughly two years' time.

It's a bit much to get into all of the physics of all of this. And a lot of it is certainly still open to debate. But if Friedman is correct in all of his assumptions, it would actually line up quite well with the UFO narrative. It would mean that aliens on a planet orbiting Zeta Reticuli detected the nuclear explosion which occurred at the Trinity test site in New Mexico, in the summer of 1945. They then hauled ass to get to Earth to check it out. Traveling at near the speed of light, they showed up roughly two years later, in the summer of 1947, only to crash their ship near Roswell, New Mexico.

According to the most prevalent version of the Roswell event, it has been speculated that the Roswell crash was actually the result of two small ET reconnaissance craft which collided together when human-made radar installations inadvertently interfered with their guidance systems. Along with very powerful radar, Roswell, of course, just so happened to be home of the "509th" —the only nuclear bomber group at the time. So, if the ET's mission was to check out earthly nuclear weapons, they were in the right place and roughly the right time.

In their rush to get here, however, they must not have planned quite well enough, since they managed to crash their spacecraft in the desert sands of New Mexico. If these things really happened, these extraterrestrial visitors have probably since learned how to counteract terrestrial radar. Later MJ-12 documents, in fact, do indeed state that the ETs eventually learned to "adapt" their craft so they wouldn't be affected by Earth-based radar.

For the supposed panel of experts known as MJ-12 to be able to know ET intentions, they would have to speak with them first. Allegedly, however, it wasn't live aliens that the MJ-12 operatives initially dealt with but rather—

dead ones. And it was supposedly Majestic 12 founding member Dr. Detlev Wulf Bronk—the biophysicist of the bunch—who oversaw the study of these extraterrestrial remains, conducting alien autopsies on the bodies of the deceased occupants of the crashed craft.

Dr. Bronk had deep ties with David Rockefeller and the thinktank of which Mr. Rockefeller was the chairman—the Rockefeller Institute. It was the Rockefeller archives that Stanton Friedman ended up browsing through, to find information to back up some of these incredible claims. The MJ-12 papers give the date of November 30th, 1947 as the day that a report was gathered on the "four dead occupants of the Roswell craft."

As mentioned, the autopsy was supposedly directed by MJ-12 member Dr. Bronk. Stanton admits that he was unable to find any meaningful mention of this day in the official records. But this, of course, would not stop conspiracy theorists from insisting that the *unofficial records* most likely have tons of correlating documentation. Air Force Special Agent Richard Doty for one, would later make some rather extreme claims supporting the notion that alien autopsies were conducted.

He claimed that he himself was once debriefed on the matter and was shown footage of the event. According to him, the aliens had on tightly spun, grey body armor that so seamlessly blended in with their skin, that they appeared nude. The first task then was to disrobe these deceased aliens. The body armor was impervious to attack, so it had to be taken off very carefully. So carefully, in fact, that exact procedures would have to be developed for future retrieval teams. And according to UFO researchers, this was the impetus for the creation of an official MJ-12 field guide. Now better known as the Majestic 12's special "Operations Manual."

The Majestic 12 Operations Manual

As much as Stanton Friedman and his colleagues were learning about the Majestic 12, they would get another surprising dump of data on the subject roughly ten years later, when UFO researcher Timothy Goode received another batch of microfilm allegedly displaying Majestic 12 memoranda. This one dubbed itself as an “Operations Manual” with the purported purpose of teaching so-called “Majestic 12 units” how to retrieve both craft and alien entities from crash sights.

If this document was real, it indicates that somewhere down the road the Majestic 12 had greatly refined their techniques and had actually created specific recovery units which they directed the retrieval of downed alien craft and their occupants. This Operations Manual indicated that the United States had yet to contact the aliens directly. Under the heading of “Current Situation,” it stated that the entities had not indicated any hostility, but were secretive and seemed to be avoiding open contact.

This section even went so far to note that on at least one occasion, one of the alien craft didn’t crash, but rather was shot down by the American military. The writer of the memo noted that the aliens did not attempt to retaliate, and they had never attempted to recover wreckage or the bodies of their deceased comrades. Interestingly, the manual gives a lengthy description of the dead aliens recovered, and specifies that there are two types of aliens that have been retrieved.

One is the classic grey alien, which has become such a popular image in UFO lore. These were described as being short, having a large head, big almond-shaped eyes, and just a slit for its mouth. No nose, just two nostrils on the front of the face. The other alien-type however was said to be more human-like, and perhaps could even pass for a human “if seen from a distance.”

Up close, however, it was clear that even these ETs were not of human origin. These particular ETs were said to have more human-sized heads, human-like eyes, and human-like noses and mouths. But they had no thumbs.

Instead, their hands ended in four really long fingers. They were also noticeably bow-legged. Majestic 12, according to the Operations Manual, had come to the conclusion that both aliens had developed on two different planets, and were apparently working together.

The document then went on to further describe crashed debris recovered noting that the wreckage was made of a material that was extremely strong, yet incredibly lightweight. This indicated that some sort of exotic alloy was used which would have rendered a structurally sound yet lightweight craft, which would have been the perfect combination for spaceflight.

The most interesting part of the Manual, in many ways, however, are some of the more mundane guidelines presented. In a section entitled “Security” and “Press Blackout” clear directives are given to personnel as to how they should handle public inquiries into crash sites. The first step outlined is listed as “Official Denial.” The Manual states that this is “the most desirable response.”

Under the best of circumstances, officers should just deny any knowledge that anything “unusual had occurred.” But if this doesn’t get onlookers off their back, and if perhaps a civilian has indeed seen something quite unusual with their own eyes, the manual instructs personnel to “discredit the witness.” It’s suggested that the witness should be intimidated into silence, but if they have already gone on public record with a sighting, then they need to be discredited immediately.

This section emphatically states, “If witnesses have already contacted the press, it will be necessary to discredit their stories. This can best be done by the assertion that they have either misinterpreted natural events; are the victims of hysteria or hallucinations, or are the perpetrators of hoaxes.” In other words, suggest a witness is crazy or that they are a bunch of hoaxers who are full of crap. If these tactics don’t quite do the trick, the operations manual then advises that “deceptive statements” might be in order.

It is advised that the use of a convenient lie about some other type of phenomenon could be a good cover for an ET crash. In particular, the memo

states, “Meteors, downed satellites, weather balloons, and military aircraft are all acceptable alternatives.” It’s interesting to note, that Roswell of course was supposedly covered up by the mention of a weather balloon.

One thing in this passage that caught UFO researcher Stanton Friedman’s attention, was its mention of satellites. This Operation Manual is dated back to 1954. This was three years before the launching of the first terrestrial satellite—the Soviet Union’s Sputnik, which went into orbit in 1957. As such, Stanton wondered if perhaps this was an indication that the documents were fake. Why would they make mention of satellites, after all, three years prior to any being in orbit?

But after perusing scientific literature on the subject, Stanton quickly realized that even though the Soviets had not yet put the first satellite up, there was already widespread chatter in scientific circles about satellites. So, even though the document was speaking of them a few years before they became a common occurrence, the notion of artificial satellites in orbit was already widespread enough to be deemed a convenient and believable cover story.

The military was already heavily researching and developing the first satellites in 1954, so even though none were in orbit yet, it is likely that the drafters of this document knew that such a device would indeed soon be a rather reliable excuse. Even prior to 1957’s Sputnik, after all, it wouldn’t have been too difficult for the U.S. army to bark to civilians that debris they came across was from a top-secret military satellite, and then use this ruse to swear them to secrecy. So, in Stanton’s mind at least, the mention of a satellite here is plausible enough.

Past this section, the alleged MJ-12 document then goes on to instruct how a secure perimeter should be established in which only authorized military and other personnel should be allowed entrance. It mentions that local law enforcement can be used to help keep civilians away from the perimeter, but at all times even local law enforcement must be kept strictly outside of the perimeter, and not allowed to see any of the recovered material. This sounds like a logical enough order of affairs if the military was attempting to keep a tight lid on a recovery operation.

A little further into the Operations Manual, we come upon a rather interesting section entitled “Removal and Transport.” As the heading implies, this section discusses the best way to remove debris, and or extraterrestrials. Of special interest is a part of this section that refers to how a “complete or functional craft” might be recovered. It’s unclear if this had ever happened in the past, or is just wishful thinking on the drafters of the Operation Manual’s part, but it states that if a craft is found fully operational, but abandoned (and why would an alien craft be abandoned? Did some inept ET simply walk off the job?), then recovery should be left to the “MJ-12 RED TEAM.”

This is the first mention of this supposed group of specialists, and not much detail is given. The document simply states, “If the craft is functioning, but appears to be abandoned, it may be approached only by specially trained MJ-12 RED TEAM personnel wearing protective clothing.” The memo then takes note of how dead aliens should be retrieved, making special mention of how they “should be packed in ice at the earliest opportunity to preserve tissues.”

The Manual actually goes into even more detail about the handling of technological debris. It's advised that debris should be “tagged and wrapped in a moisture-vapor-proof barrier and heat sealed.” Furthermore, the processed debris should be “placed in a corrugated fiberboard box.” The unpacking of these boxes of recovered material upon reaching their destination is also extremely detailed. The Manual advises, “Be very careful when uncrating and unpacking the material. Avoid thrusting tools into the interior of the shipping container.”

Yes, lest some eager MJ-12 associate thrusts a crowbar down into a crate and smashes a recovered propulsion system from Zeta Reticuli—*extreme caution is urged!* But all joking aside, it's really these more mundane, everyday operational guidelines, that seem to make this supposed top-secret field guide more realistic. It is due to the realistic nature of its makeup, that makes many UFO researchers believe that even if the events described didn’t really occur exactly as described—this document had to have been produced by an insider in military intelligence.

That means that if the alien topic is just a bunch of nonsense, then the document is most likely an elaborate bit of military disinformation. Either that or a tongue-in-cheek military preparedness drill cloaked in UFO intrigue as a form of levity. Such a thing wouldn't be so unbelievable. Militaries sometimes employ role-playing and engage in mock terrorist attacks and nuclear assaults—so why not a mock UFO recovery exercise? Perhaps it was just something to keep bored staff and personnel alert and on their toes?

The so-called Operations Manual doesn't seem to be something that some random guy just made up. Regardless of whether the alien subject is in reference to real events or not, the outline itself has a ring of authenticity when it comes to real-world military procedure and protocol.

Confirmation or Confirmation Bias?

As soon as the MJ-12 documents were released, the UFO community was conveniently split right down the middle as to whether or not the documents were the real deal. As mentioned, Stanton Friedman was an early champion for claiming the authenticity—or at least partial authenticity—of the majority of the MJ-12 documents. And to his credit, Stanton did indeed find several additional official documents that make reference to a group referred to as MJ-12.

To this day, no one has adequately explained who or what this group was, but Stanton found reference to them, packed in with a wide variety of other materials in the National Archives. It stands to reason that either the person who compiled the alien-related MJ-12 documents either used this obscure reference to build their own fantasy or on the other hand, these few vague references are evidence that MJ-12 was a real group, even though its members' shadowy activities remained virtually unknown.

One of the most important documents that Stanton Friedman found which has built a bridge between verified fact and the unverified MJ-12 documents, is the so-called “Cutler Memo.” Stanton in his meticulous notes, recorded his discovery of the document on a day back in March of 1985, just a year after the first MJ-12 revelation, and before Stanton had even gone public with the data that had fallen into his lap.

No one else had heard anything about Majestic 12 at this point, yet here in the National Archives, he found a document that seems to make explicit reference to it. The document also happens to be from the same approximate time frame as the infamous debriefing document for president-elect Eisenhower. The document is dated back to July 16th, 1954. Typed up by the then “Special Assistant to the President”—Robert Cutler—the document makes references to an “already scheduled White House meeting of July 16th.”

The document states, “The President has decided that the MJ-12 S & P

briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16th, rather than following it as previously intended." The memo then seems to indicate the secretive nature of the meeting, by coolly stating, "More precise arrangements will be explained to you upon arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly."

And Eisenhower supposedly did indeed alter his plans accordingly. He was scheduled to be at an official White House meeting when his team suddenly announced he would have to undergo emergency dental surgery for a broken cap on his tooth.

It was allegedly during this timeframe and under this cover, that Eisenhower slipped away from the eyes of the world so that he could not only be debriefed on aliens but actually meet some alien visitors in the flesh! Yes, it is perhaps the most explosive claim in the whole UFO saga—the notion that President Eisenhower had an official meeting with visiting extraterrestrials.

MJ-12 had studied ET artifacts and even ET remains, and after years of work had allegedly established contact with the ETs themselves. There is a little bit of confusion in the UFO lore as to whether there were two meetings or just one. There is the story of the supposed Holloman Air Force meeting which is said to have occurred on February 11th, 1955. And then there is the alleged encounter at Edwards Air Force Base, which supposedly took place in February of 1954.

The memo that Stanton uncovered, however, clearly mentions a 1954 meeting. So, for the sake of argument, let's focus on the 1954 account. It was this rendezvous, supposedly coordinated by Majestic 12 at Edwards Air Force Base, that allegedly occurred when President Eisenhower briefly escaped media scrutiny under the cover of a dentist appointment. Interestingly, no dental records from this procedure can be found.

Furthermore, the supposed dentist—a guy whose name comes down to us as Francis A. Purcell—has long since passed, so there is no way to corroborate whether or not Eisenhower truly saw the dentist that day or not. His widow was once questioned about the subject by UFO researcher William Moore in

1978, however, and curiously enough she was unable to recall her husband ever mentioning the procedure. You would think that having the president as a patient would be something one would remember, but she insisted he never mentioned treating Eisenhower.

The great lengths that the Eisenhower staff went to at the time to assure the public of this supposed dental emergency has also often been seen as suspect. Press Secretary James Haggerty had made the sudden and abrupt announcement that Ike "had chipped a tooth while eating fried chicken and required some emergency dental work." Why would it be necessary to even announce such a mundane thing? If the press suddenly wondered where Ike was, couldn't they simply have asked and found out themselves? What's with all of this preemption?

It is indeed the major effort that went into announcing such a mundane event that seems rather odd to so many. Having that said, one must consider that this was at the height of the Cold War, so it could very well be that his staff was just trying to relieve the worries of an anxious public at the time. Nevertheless, it can't be denied that the impromptu announcement of Eisenhower's dental appointment does come off as rather forced, and even contrived.

Almost like a teenager excitedly announcing to their parents, "Hey Mom and Dad—I'm studying at Bob's house tonight!" The kid's parents would obviously wonder why the teenager would be so excited to announce their planned study session. But if only they knew, studying at Bob's was just a cover story. And in reality, the teenager is heading to a keg party.

So yeah, the excitement of Eisenhower's staff announcing, "Hey guys—Ike's going to the dentist!" Does seem a bit much, and tends to give weight to the notion that the dental appointment was a prefabricated cover story for something else entirely. At any rate, here's a brief summary of the most common narrative in UFO lore of what was actually going on while Ike was supposedly out at the dentist.

After years of study, Majestic 12 had supposedly managed to make contact

with visiting extraterrestrials. It remains a little unclear if this was through radio or by some other means, but somehow or other, contact was made and a meeting was arranged by Majestic 12 at Edward's Air Force Base.

It's interesting to note that one of the biggest complaints of UFO skeptics is —*why don't aliens meet with world leaders? Why don't they land on the White House lawn rather than messing around in remote corn fields?* It's a legitimate question to ask.

If the Eisenhower story is true, however, it would seem that ETs were indeed taken to our leader (at least America's leader). But it was done so in entire secrecy. And as we will see as we progress through this narrative, complete and utter secrecy of the ET presence was ultimately agreed to be necessary by both the U.S. government and the ETs themselves.

According to the alleged Eisenhower–ET account, the president, flanked by soldiers, secret service, and his advisors, met with ETs that had landed at the base. The discussion between the aliens and Eisenhower was apparently telepathic in nature, and none of the accounts are entirely clear of what was discussed. It's said, however, that after coming to some sort of understanding with them, Eisenhower agreed to enter into an official treaty with the visitors.

Some versions of this story state that as part of the agreement, the ETs indicated that they would hand over advanced technology in exchange for permission to periodically abduct human beings for their own research. As startling as all of this is, the aliens allegedly promised that they meant no harm and would safely return any human subjects that they had extracted samples from. They also indicated that they would wipe the memories of those they had taken so that they would not remember the event.

In essence, the aliens were proposing to engage in the very sort of activity that is commonly reported in the supposed modern-day alien abduction phenomenon. The ETS stated that in exchange for the cooperation of the U.S. government in helping them keep their activities on Earth secret, they would provide technology for the Americans to research and study, as well as ET specialists to aid them in their progress.

Realizing that these entities were so advanced that they could most likely do what they wanted—regardless—Eisenhower supposedly decided to enter into a bargain with the entities. Ike stipulated that they could do as they wished, as long as the U.S. government was given oversight of their activities. The Majestic 12 group would be the ultimate stewards of that oversight.

Ike allegedly agreed to the ET's terms as long as the abductions were only done on a limited basis and that the ETS provided the American government a list of all those who were taken—ostensibly to make sure that the ETs were indeed keeping their word and returning their subjects unharmed. The ETs agreed and supposedly this kicked off the so-called "Grenada Treaty" between the U.S. and the aliens.

As far-fetched as all of this sounds, many of the anecdotal reports of alleged alien abductees seem to reinforce some of these themes. There have been many tales of so-called abductees asking their captors what seemed to be an obvious question at the time—*Why are you doing this?* Only to have the ET's claim they were given permission. Or even more perplexing to the abductee, they might be told—*You gave us permission.*

The abductee of course would have no idea what these aliens were talking about, in their mind they never gave anyone permission to do anything. It's been said, however, that the ET civilization functions very differently from ours. Whereas we operate as individuals, they function as a collective—hive mind, if you will. If that's the case, the aliens might not understand individual rights as we do, and to them, the fact that Eisenhower (or any other human leader) gave them permission, means that we all gave our permission.

So, from their perspective, they are telling the truth. They asked humanity if they could experiment on them and they were given permission. And for them, they are not at all violating anyone's rights by snatching them up in the middle of the night, since from their standpoint they were given permission to do so all the way back in 1954. Sound crazy? Yeah, pretty much.

Yet, incredibly enough, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's own great-

granddaughter—Laura Magdalene Eisenhower—has come forward to proclaim that it's all true. At any rate, fact or complete fiction, all of this is supposedly part and parcel of what allegedly went down the day that President Eisenhower met up with aliens. And it was all supposedly made possible by the hard work of the top-secret task force charged with handling the alien problem—the Majestic 12.

Eisenhower was supposedly the last president to be completely in the Majestic 12 loop. Yet by the end of his administration, he is said to have felt the gravity of power as it pertained to ETs/UFOs shift from the executive branch to strictly super secretive operatives of the military intelligence community.

It's said that Eisenhower subtly addressed these misgivings in his 1961 farewell address when he spoke of the "military-industrial complex" getting a bit too big for its britches and running amok. Or in the exact words of Eisenhower at the time, "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the Military-Industrial Complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists, and will persist."

According to Majestic 12 researchers, it would be President Eisenhower's successor—John F. Kennedy—who would end up running afoul of this very military-industrial complex he warned us of. Kennedy supposedly tried his best to pry some of the secrets from MJ-12's grip. But it's said that his efforts ultimately backfired—and the consequences were fatal.

Kennedy and the Majestic 12

The sad end of President John F. Kennedy's life is always a painful topic to bring up, and even more so in light of all of the whispered rumors of clandestine foul play. For many decades now the official verdict of what happened to Kennedy is that a lone gunman by the name of Lee Harvey Oswald made a rather spur-of-the-moment decision, to fire off a high-powered rifle from a school book depository building, while Kennedy's motorcade drove by.

Oswald was most certainly an unstable, sketchy character, and it wouldn't be hard to imagine him capable of such a dastardly deed. But ever since Kennedy's death there has been no shortage of those who beg to differ about this version of history. Not helping matters, of course, was the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald himself profusely denied being the killer. He claimed his innocence all the way up until he himself was gunned down by a guy named Jack Ruby.

Jack Ruby was yet another shady character. He had deep mob connections. And his involvement in the killing (silencing?) of Oswald only added to the conspiratorial flavor. Ruby would claim that he himself was just caught up in the moment and saddened by Kennedy's death. Ruby stated that he was enraged to see Oswald smirking as police escorted him to a waiting vehicle. Ruby insisted that he boiled over with rage at that moment, and wished to wipe the smirk off Oswald's face—*permanently*.

It was—so Ruby claimed—for this reason, and this reason alone, that he pulled out his gun and shot Lee Harvey Oswald. Jack Ruby would die in prison a few years later without changing his version of events. The Warren Commission tasked with coming to grips with what had happened in the meantime, came to the basic conclusion that events transpired just as they had appeared. Kennedy was killed by Oswald and Oswald alone—there was no conspiracy.

Yet, the conspiracy theories have persisted. So much so, that there are too

many to mention. But as it pertains to Majestic 12 in particular, there are indeed theories that Kennedy's death was ordered by the group. According to this strain of thought, Kennedy was struggling to get more access to MJ-12's hidden knowledge about the ET presence. Kennedy succeeded Dwight D. Eisenhower in January of 1961.

By this time, it is said that the Majestic 12 had gained a life of their own and were no longer answerable to any one president. This was supposedly the very military-industrial complex run amok that Eisenhower had warned of in his 1961 farewell. This meant that a newly elected president was immediately outside of the inner circle of the Majestic 12. Kennedy apparently knew the group existed, and he wanted to gain access to it.

President Kennedy was already quite familiar with at least one supposed MJ-12 member—Dr. Donald H. Menzel. As mentioned earlier, Menzel was proven to have led a life of deception. On the surface, he presented himself as a hard-boiled academic who was highly critical of UFOs. Yet, at the same time, he had a "top-secret ultra-security clearance" and was actively involved in the investigation of the phenomenon.

In other words, even while he made fun of UFO investigators, he himself was on the leading edge of a government investigation, and even participate with the subject. Along with being an astronomer and science writer, Menzel was also a cryptography expert. UFO researcher Stanton Friedman established a convincing link between Menzel's past work in cryptography and attempts in the early days of MJ-12 in deciphering alien writing and language.

It also appears that Menzel may have played a role in debriefing Kennedy on the subject as well. The public record shows that Kennedy was ambitious about space exploration. It was President Kennedy, after all, that famously pledged to send a man to the moon by the end of the decade. And although Kennedy died in 1963, Apollo astronauts did indeed step foot on the moon before the decade was out—in 1969.

Declassified documents also reveal that Kennedy was very much interested in a few key points as they pertained to the final frontier of space exploration.

He had a desire to establish cooperative missions between the United States and the Soviet Union and he was interested in learning more about UFOs. Both of these interests are said to have ruffled the feathers of the intelligence community. There was no desire in those days for any kinds of joint U.S./U.S.S.R. missions in space. The goal of many was to beat the Soviets—not cooperate with them.

Perhaps even more problematic, however, was President Kennedy's prying into the UFO files. Kennedy, who apparently was not yet entirely in the know, had expressed his concerns that UFOs could trigger a nuclear war. According to UFO researcher and writer Larry Holcomb, it has been alleged that this very nearly happened at the beginning of Kennedy's term, when in the Spring of 1961 around 50 unidentified flying objects suddenly appeared, heading out of Soviet Union airspace, and right into NATO-controlled airspace in Western Europe.

Although in the end, who or whatever the objects were remained a mystery—at the time when NATO High Command saw several objects hurtling toward them, their only thought was that it was a nuclear strike. And as such, they put their own nuclear deterrent forces on high alert. It was supposedly due to incidents like these that Kennedy wished to share not only space exploration but also UFO data with the Soviets, in order to prevent any future misunderstandings.

President Kennedy may not have been aware of it at the time, but the last thing that Majestic 12 wanted to do was share what they knew about UFOs with the Soviet Union. It's been said that the UFO secret was considered several levels more classified than even the H-Bomb. It has also been suggested that if indeed Majestic 12 was purloining alien hardware and distributing them to R & D facilities all over America to produce wonderous new military applications—the last thing they wanted was for the Russians to get their hands on such cutting-edge technology.

So it was, according to this theory, that the intelligence community was fairly rattled by both of Kennedy's suggested aims. Nevertheless, JFK kept pressing, and in particular, he kept up a correspondence with alleged MJ-12

member, Dr. Donald Menzel. Not a whole lot is known about Kennedy and Menzel's relationship, but it has often been suggested that it must have been a somewhat cozy one. This is due to the discovery of a memo written off to Kennedy by Menzel back on August 22nd, 1962.

There is nothing too spectacular about the letter itself, but it has been noted that in the intro to this piece of correspondence, Dr. Menzel greets the president simply as "Jack." John Kennedy had been nicknamed Jack since his childhood, but only those fairly close to him would refer to him as Jack. Under normal circumstances, professional correspondence would be addressed to him as Mr. President or Mr. Kennedy—but most certainly not Jack!

One could argue that this was just a fluke, but for many who have looked into the Kennedy–Menzel angle, it does seem to stand out as an indicator of a close association between the two. Now that we are better informed about Dr. Menzel's full background, Kennedy's familiarity with him would seem to indicate at least some familiarity between Kennedy and the Majestic 12 outfit as a whole.

In UFO researcher Steven Greer's book, *Unacknowledged* which lists multiple testimonies on the UFO phenomenon, Greer cites an anonymous member of the military, who claimed that he was on board Air Force One in June of 1963 just prior to Kennedy's arrival in Germany, where he would give his infamous speech at the Berlin wall. On the way there, this anonymous source claims that he and Kennedy actually got into an intense discussion about UFOs, in which Kennedy became quite candid about his struggle to learn more on the subject.

Or as the source put it, "Kennedy, on the long flight, at one point began discussing the UFO matter. He admitted that he knew the UFOs were real, had seen the evidence, but then stated, 'The whole matter is out of my hands, and I don't know why.' Kennedy said that he wanted the truth to come out, but that he couldn't do it. And this was the President of the United States, the Commander in Chief of the armed forces, stating that the matter is out of his hands, and he doesn't know why."

Kennedy fired off a letter to the CIA dated November 12th, 1963, officially asking for more information on the subject, as well as once again speaking of his desire to establish a joint mission with the Soviet Union in space. His dream of Soviet–American cooperation in space would not have the chance to come to fruition. For it was a little over a week later—on November 22nd, 1963—that President Kennedy was taken out by an assassin's bullet.

Further supposed links between Kennedy and the MJ-12 were discovered in the summer of 1999 when UFO investigators Tim Cooper received a drop of docs from an anonymous man who said he used to work for the CIA. The man stated that the documents had initially been slated to be incinerated by the top brass, but were spared by agents.

The document made references to the Majestic 12 and stated that Kennedy was getting too curious about what the group was up to. The writer of the memo then recommends that if Kennedy cannot be persuaded to cease and desist, then he "should be wet." In other words, he should be liquidated. This is certainly a chilling footnote if it means what it seems to mean.

MJ-12, Project Serpo, and the Strategic Defense Initiative

After Kennedy's assassination, his vice president—Lyndon Baines Johnson, became the Commander in Chief by default. Lyndon Johnson would then go on to win an election under his own merit, in 1964. Even though Kennedy is often credited with kicking off the drive to explore space due to his powerful speeches on the subject, Lyndon Johnson had always been pushing for space exploration behind the scenes.

It was after the Soviet Union surprised the world with the launch of their Sputnik satellite in 1957 in fact, that a (then) Senator Johnson was heavily involved with the legislation that would ultimately result in the creation of NASA. According to UFO lore, however, even as NASA was taking root in the late 1950s and early 1960s there was a clandestine military space program that was rapidly progressing at the very same time.

Yes, long before Space Force (founded in 2019), it has been rumored that the United States military has been secretly involved in the exploration and domination of space. According to this version of events, even while NASA was working hard at Cape Canaveral and the Johnson Space Center, the military was engaging in black budget projects aimed at space flight at top-secret locales such as Area 51.

It was supposedly through this secret space program that the Majestic 12 arranged for human pilots to hitch a ride with aliens back to their home world. Yes, the infamous "Project Serpo" saga is allegedly linked to the Majestic 12. It's said that it was those arbiters of the paranormal, the Majestic 12, who arranged for 12 American astronauts (it had to be 12 of course) to be sent to the aliens' home planet, which they apparently referred to as "Serpo."

For those who have seen Stephen Spielberg's film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." They might remember that a similar situation was portrayed in the film, with U.S. personnel boarding an alien craft, and ETs disembarking

in a kind of cosmic exchange program. Skeptics of course would probably say that this story originated from Spielberg's fictional film.

But others have long insisted that "Close Encounters" borrowed the notion from the real event. Spielberg did indeed read up on UFO accounts in an effort to make his stories more realistic. He even hired Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Project Blue Book fame as a consultant. It's said that the general appearance of the ETs he presented, was in itself inspired by alleged real accounts.

So obviously, it's yet another case of which came first—the Spielberg chicken or the cosmic egg? Did Spielberg somehow hear rumors of such an exchange taking place and reference it in his film? Could it be that Hynek leaked some classified information to the filmmaker? Or is the whole Serpo story merely an urban legend inspired by a fictional scene in Spielberg's movie?

According to the Serpo narrative, the Majestic 12 arranged for American astronauts to go to the aliens' home world—a planet they called "Serpo." This planet was supposedly in orbit around the previously mentioned, Zeta Reticuli star system. Ten men and two women went on this voyage, apparently with very little idea of what to expect.

The ideal candidates for this mission were those who were unmarried and had no children. It was also highly preferred for a candidate not to have siblings or even living parents. The reasoning for this is that in case something happened or the astronauts did not return, they would not be missed. Even if things went well enough, the mission was to last 10 years.

The exchange allegedly occurred in July of 1965, when the 12-person crew of America's secret space program boarded an ET craft and headed off to the alien home world. The aliens were apparently quite hospitable to the humans and they were well cared for. Even so, one crewmember died during the voyage due to some unspecified "accident." Nevertheless, 11 out of these 12 brave souls arrived at planet Serpo intact.

Incredibly enough, the humans were supposedly greeted by a large alien

delegation, which included an ET spokesperson who “spoke fluent English.” Since these aliens are usually described as speaking telepathically, it is not entirely clear how this was achieved. The main problem that the human astronauts faced on Serpo was adjusting to the environment.

Serpo was said to be a scorched, desert world, lit up by the two bright suns of the binary star system—Zeta Reticuli. The temperature was often in excess of 100 degrees, and along with uncomfortable heat, it was also constantly incredibly bright. The days were also much longer, lasting for 40 hours, as opposed to our typical earthly day of 24 hours. Just imagine these squinting, sweating earthlings, complaining after a long day of trekking across an alien savannah.

All humor aside, according to this account, the human astronauts were quite busy upon their arrival. And they spent much of their time researching alien history and culture. The humans learned of the ET’s history, technology, and even their belief in God. Yes, despite (or maybe even because of) their tremendous advances in science and technology, this ET civilization still had religion and a unique belief in a supreme being who had created the universe.

The expedition apparently went well enough, but these brave souls were indeed putting themselves at grave risk since they didn’t have much time to adapt to the alien environment. And it’s said that two more perished during their stay due to an adverse reaction to natural radiation on the planet’s surface. The ETs finally ended up relocating the humans to a northern region of the planet which was deemed much more habitable for them. Here it was cooler and much more to the human astronauts' liking.

A couple of them apparently liked things so much, they actually decided to stay. The rest, however, finally returned home in 1978. The Americans who returned from the secret space program were supposedly quarantined by their MJ-12 handlers for roughly a year, where they were heavily questioned about all that they had experienced during their supposed sojourn on planet Serpo.

After the program came to a close in the early 1980s, the Majestic 12 allegedly debriefed then-President Ronald Reagan on the matter. Reagan was

supposedly deeply affected by what he had learned and would often allude to alien contact during his presidency. It was Reagan after all, who famously gave a speech at the United Nations in which he stated before all of the nations of the world, “I occasionally think of how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish—if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world.” He then even went on to say in a rhetorical manner, “And yet I ask you—is there not an alien force among us?”

Most assumed that Reagan was speaking metaphorically of the alienating force of animosity between nations. But others, however, have wondered if Reagan was hinting at something else. Could he have been literally speculating about some future threat from aliens? It was Reagan after all who famously championed the creation of a laser defense system in space, codenamed SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative). Or as his critics had derisively dubbed “Star Wars.”

The system was proposed as a means of shooting down Soviet ICBMS but some conspiracy theorists have suggested that it might have actually been an attempt to defend against invaders from space. These beliefs were even circulating in Reagan’s own inner circle at the time. At an early briefing on the subject at the White House, the Reagan administration actually invited a UFO researcher by the name of Colman S. Von Keviczky.

Some may have wondered why this guy made the list, and once he opened his mouth—*they really wondered.* For during the event, Keviczky became quite vocal on the potential capacity of SDI in regard to repelling a UFO incursion. He even went so far as to call for SDI to be renamed “UDI” for “UFO Defense Initiative.” If such things are to be believed, and there really was an ulterior motive to SDI, it would seem that not all alien visitors were quite as friendly as those from planet Serpo. Either that or the U.S. just felt like engaging in some good old target practice.

According to some versions of events, SDI, although publicly disbanded, was quietly put into practice by the early 1990s. According to some its use has even been documented. They point to the so-called STS-48 video taken on board the Space Shuttle while in orbit, on September 12th, 1991. The video is

indeed unusual. It seems to show lit-up objects moving around at the edge of Earth's atmosphere. Suddenly there's a flash from below and the objects quickly change course and take off.

Immediately thereafter what looks like a laser blast is fired right through the area where the objects were hovering. Some UFO buffs are convinced that this is proof that an SDI weapons system has secretly been put in place, and does indeed on occasion fire at the extraterrestrial craft. NASA was forced to look into this matter in the meantime and came up with their own explanation. They claimed that the disc-shaped objects seen on camera, floating near the space shuttle, were nothing more than ice particles.

Due to the grainy nature of the footage, such an explanation would not be all that unbelievable. Small ice particles, seen close up, could trick the viewer into thinking that they are actually large objects far away. But one thing NASA has yet to explain is how or why these UFOs/ice particles seem to suddenly react to a flash from below and shoot off into the distance as if fleeing from the flash of light.

They do appear—at least in that split second—to be under intelligent control. Can a natural phenomenon mimic such a behavior? And are our eyes truly just playing tricks on us? The mind can indeed fill in the blanks at times and make us think we see things that we are not really seeing—but nevertheless, the STS video remains a real oddity. And the very sort of thing that an ultra-secretive group (if it really exists) like MJ-12 would want to keep under wraps.

Incidentally enough, even though NASA wholeheartedly debunked the notion of UFOs being in the STS footage, shortly thereafter NASA made the decision to do away with live feeds on shuttle cameras. Was this just to avoid the headache of having to constantly explain mundane events to a curious public? Or was this yet another MJ-12 styled cover-up in the works?

According to true believers, the Majestic 12 are the facilitators of top-secret ET relations whether in times of peaceful interaction—or even times of war-like action. The powers that be are sure to keep a lid on it all for some time to

come. And one man who is said to have witnessed this lid of secrecy firsthand was a Canadian engineer by the name of Wilbert Smith. Mr. Smith, after working with high ups in the U.S. government, was allegedly given a glimpse at the secrecy of the military-industrial complex at work.

All the way back in the 1950s, in regard to UFOs, Smith had unequivocally stated in an official memo for the Department of Transportation, “The [UFO] matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher than the H-Bomb [nuclear weapons]. Flying saucers exist. Their modus operandi is unknown but a concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush. The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.”

The Majestic 12 and More Recent Times

If we entertain the idea that the Majestic 12, which was supposedly formed in the late 1940s, ever existed—then it's a reasonable enough question for us to ask in the 2020s: do they still exist? What are the most recent developments in regard to this supposedly super-secretive group? As of this writing, the most recent revelation occurred in 2017 when UFO researcher Heather Wade received a batch of new (or at least never before released) documents purported to be from MJ-12.

Opinions about their authenticity have widely varied among UFO enthusiasts, but Stanton Friedman who has since passed (he died of a heart attack in 2019) felt that they were promising. Probably one of the most glaring parts of the document that made many raise some eyebrows, however, was a section of the material which relayed a supposed interview with an ET in U.S. custody. During this exchange, the entity is said to have made several statements about Earth's history and culture, that for many just seemed way over the top and entirely unrealistic.

But the notion that aliens might be critical of human history in itself is not too off-base as it pertains to previous accounts of human-alien interaction. After all, many supposed alien abductees were often lectured about the destructive nature of humanity as it pertained to things such as nuclear bombs and harming the environment. But such things were always presented in very general terms. It seems that this ET in these purported MJ-12 documents just got way too detailed and specific in its harangue, in the opinion of many researchers. And for them, it immediately smacked off a faked, put-on production.

It could very well be, however, that parts of the document are faked and other parts are real. Military intelligence after all often engages in misinformation, in which real and fake data are mixed together for a variety of reasons. This might be done to distract and send one down a rabbit hole, in the wrong direction. It could also be done as a means of gauging the target audiences' reaction to secret material while putting up a partial smokescreen of

obviously faked material.

That way, whoever dumped the data can get a sense of what the public reaction might be, even while compromising the legitimacy of the very documents they've released, through the planting of obviously fake data in the mix. Beyond the alleged political banter of a captured alien, the document does seem to provide some rather interesting information.

At the beginning of the memo, the document states what would appear to be a very logical reason as to why the Majestic 12 recovery teams were able to so easily recover downed alien spacecraft in the late 1940s/early 1950s but were no longer able to do so. The document states that it was powerful radar stations near nuclear installations in the southwest (such as in New Mexico) that had inadvertently brought down the craft.

Radar apparently messed with the ET craft's guidance systems, causing them to lose control and crash. The ETs apparently had not anticipated this reaction. Such a thing goes to show that even given the alleged disparity between human and ET technology, even our relatively primitive equipment might have unforeseen consequences for visiting aliens.

The document, after making these remarks, goes on to state that no craft has been recovered since the early 1950s. And that it was believed that the reason being, was simply that the aliens had learned to "adapt their craft" to counter human-made radar. Such an assertion would make complete logical sense.

If you were visiting a planet and the denizens of that world have a contraption that could cause accidental crashes to your craft, you would of course, quickly modify your ships to not be affected by such a device. And according to this MJ-12 memo, that's exactly what happened. If true (and of course, all of this is a big *if*), it would suggest that humanity was quite lucky to have ever brought down ET craft in the first place.

The ETs got wise and prevented earthlings from knocking them out of the skies with radar, so MJ-12 had to protectively conserve whatever ET tech they already had in their possession. Or as the document states, "Since 1957,

no additional alien craft have been available for study. The assessment is that these beings have adapted or perfected the machines to the conditions of our world, so as to avoid any further such revealing crashes."

Again, it would only make sense for an advanced civilization to do so. Because in the words of Albert Einstein, "doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results" would be insane. Or stupid. And these aliens were neither crazy nor dumb, so of course, they eventually figured out how to adapt their craft to Earth-based radar systems, so that they could prevent any further crashes. It's an innocuous enough statement about no craft crashing since 1957—but it's innocuous enough to ring true.

Another section of this memorandum, which seems informative as well as believable, describes the purpose and makeup of MJ-12. It states, "Just as the title implies, MAJESTIC-12 is headed by a directorate of twelve persons chosen for life (or until retirement), six are military, and six are private-sector scientists." This would seem to gel with what we know of the makeup of Majestic 12—being a mixture of military generals and private specialists.

It's also interesting that it mentions the members of the MJ-12 panel belonging to the group for life or until retirement. One must realize, however, that in these conspiratorial circles, retirement can mean a wide variety of things. It's said that original member Forestall who died under questionable circumstances (he fell or was pushed from a window) was *forcibly retired* from MJ-12 because he was threatening to go public with what he knew.

The 2017 MJ-12 document later touches on this issue and speaks of how after original MJ-12 member Forrestal died it was "supposed that he committed suicide." It then notes however that "A special committee of counter-intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency later concluded that the highest probability scenario involves his having been either drugged, tricked, or pushed into his fatal fall."

Interestingly, despite such acknowledgment for the potential of abuse of power, the document goes on to justify the insular nature of MJ-12 and how it ultimately became its sort of secret society in the U.S. government. The

section refers to MJ-12 as a special kind of “family” that has learned unique ways to understand and deal with the “alien problem.” And it is only among those specially initiated into the MJ-12 group who are capable of handling the realities of extraterrestrial visitation.

If the grandiose name of “Majestic” doesn’t tell you anything, statements such as these reinforce the notion of the MJ-12 being an elite group set apart from the rest of humanity. They are the ones who are specifically tasked with an incredibly unique situation that most would not have the wherewithal to be able to handle. This section of the 2017 MJ-12 documents seems to then use these unique circumstances as a means to argue for the need for MJ-12 to stay above normal governmental oversight.

MJ-12 was indeed the military-industrial complex run amok as Eisenhower had warned, but here we have a compelling argument presented as to why such an entity is necessary. This section emphatically states, “The President may recommend an appointment” but ultimately “membership on the MAJESTIC-12” is always going to be “decided solely by that group.”

According to these words, even if a president manages to break through the barriers of secrecy to learn of the group’s existence, all that president can do is make recommendations. Ultimately it is MJ-12 and MJ-12 alone who have the ability to appoint members. This would make MJ-12 the ultimate secret governmental society, which truly answers to no one but themselves.

This section of the document ends by insisting that the Majestic 12 are so close-knit “that these twelve persons belong to a small family of highly gifted” people. The compiler of this memo then, therefore concludes, “Only from within such a family is it possible to have the ‘special mindset’ required for this very sensitive field of work.” The memo then finally goes on to note, “It has been said by a former director of the group that the understanding of alien minds requires an alien mind.”

So, there it is. Justification for a secret society set apart from the rest of humanity because it takes “an alien mind” to come to grips with the “alien mind” that has been actively engaging with our planet. As the memo

progresses it goes on to rehash the details of the Roswell crash—much of this is indeed merely a review of things already spoken of ad nauseum in UFO circles and really isn't worth repeating again here.

But one mention in this reckoning that stood out, was a discussion of the actions of Colonel William Blanchard who was in charge of Roswell's Air Tactical Command, at the time. It mentions how immediately after the debris was discovered; Blanchard notified the press that a "flying disc" had been captured. This is what led to the headlines the next day, trumpeting that the army had in its possession a "flying saucer."

It was of course immediately after these newspapers hit the stands, that the military clamped down on Roswell, and Blanchard was made to reverse his statements and repeat the official narrative that the whole thing was a case of mistaken identity. It wasn't a flying saucer; it was a weather balloon. All of the newspapers then repeated the story stating that the previous hysteria "was not justified" and all that landed in Roswell was a wrecked weather balloon.

This section of the report details all of these happenings, and goes on to note that although Blanchard was technically out of line for making announcements to the press without first consulting higher-ups, he shouldn't be completely condemned for his actions. The memo reasons that since nothing like this had ever happened before, it's understandable that Blanchard was caught so flat-footed in the immediate aftermath.

In recalling these events, the memo states, "Colonel Blanchard released an official press statement confirming that wreckage of a flying disc had been recovered. This was phoned in to an Albuquerque, New Mexico radio station without approval from higher-level command in the Army Air Corps. Indeed, no one in the Pentagon or anyone else was notified or consulted prior to the release of this information. In defense of Colonel Blanchard's actions, it should be noted that no established procedure on the issue existed at the time. There were no Office of Special Investigations, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, or any other similar such organizations at that time.

The memo then goes on to state, “It should be noted that within less than two years following this incident, and as its direct result, all of the above agencies were established with the exception of the Defense Intelligence Agency which was chartered in 1961.”

The writer of this memo seems to be suggesting that Blanchard was faced with something there was no previous protocol for and military intelligence had to essentially make it up as they went along. The memo then notes that Roswell itself was the catalyst that launched all of the main, modern intelligence agencies into existing in the first place. It was also supposedly the catalyst for the creation of the top-tiered and overarching group of intelligence agents established to oversee the entire situation—*the Majestic 12*.

The debriefing document goes on to repeat the original members and their credentials. So far, all of this is in line with previous supposed MJ-12 document dumps. The most intriguing part of these alleged Majestic 12 documents, however, is the telling of a little-known UFO crash story that supposedly occurred in Aztec, New Mexico in 1950. The memo narrates that an unknown craft had infiltrated airspace over the highly secretive military installation at White Sands.

The radar operatives did what they would naturally do for any invading aircraft, they turned the full force of their radar onto it to track it. It was as soon as the radar hit this object that it began to go down. It was noted that it immediately slowed its speed and began to descend. Initially, the operators thought that this was an “evasion tactic” upon the part of the craft’s pilots, but later it would be determined that the craft had been affected by the radar. The craft ended up crash landing in a canyon, mostly intact.

According to the MJ-12 memo, this presented a new challenge for the team. They had previously recovered both wreckage and dead aliens, now they were presented with the challenge of cornering an intact craft and its potentially living crew. Such a feat would be frightening for anyone to contemplate but nevertheless, MJ-12 supposedly directed operatives in the military to corner the craft and a “2-mile perimeter” around the downed space

vehicle was established.

It was supposedly a huge operation that involved silencing locals and camouflaging a never-ending convoy of military trucks to make them appear to belong to a local oil drilling company. It's said that the fact that oil drilling did occur in the region provided a convenient cover story for the activity that was taking place.

The presence of some very obvious military personnel could not be avoided, however, so it was done under the guise of a public safety ruse. It was said that a military escort was required to safeguard the retrieval of explosive nitroglycerine used for the procurement of oil. It was publicly claimed that this was nothing more than a "National Guard escort" requested by the governor of the state.

With this backdrop in place, the team then got to work. All caution was taken with this unknown craft, and before any approach was made, the whole area was tested for radiation. None was found. Several unusual chemical properties were found in the immediate soil near the craft, however, and it was later noted that this was a substance discharged by the craft upon landing. The chemicals were apparently a kind of "disinfectant" that was disbursed just in case the local environment had any viral or bacterial agents they should be concerned with.

At any rate, the chemicals themselves were not harmful to humans, and so the team continued their investigation. After securing the immediate surroundings, they began taking several pictures of the outside of the craft. The memo goes on to describe the craft's appearance, stating, "The hull was the color of dull, unpolished aluminum and was apparently metallic in nature with a normal surface temperature. No seams, hatches, rivets, or portholes were obvious. Photographs taken at closer than fifteen feet were found to be blurred."

This statement of close-range photos of the UFO being blurred is intriguing, and the very next sentence of the memo offers up a reason why this is the case. The memo goes on to state, "Later, both infrared and magnetic radiation

fields were found to surround the craft and were no doubt responsible for fogging of the films in close photographs." Does this explain why all of those UFO photos are so blurry? Could it be that the energy fields surrounding the craft can affect processed images of them? Real or fake, such statements at least seem to provide a somewhat plausible explanation.

At any rate, according to the memo, it was after these basic scientific measurements of the craft and its immediate effect on the surrounding environment were made, that the order was given to attempt to make direct contact with the presumed crew of the ship. In order to gain access, a scaffold was set up, and military personnel actually walked onto the surface of the craft. Here, they noted a bulge on top, that they presumed to be a hatch. They also noted a hairline crack that seemed to be from damage.

Incredibly enough they proceeded to bang on the hatch with their fists and shout at the occupants. Such a thing seems utterly ridiculous. It seems absurd to expect the occupants of a visiting craft made to crash by earth-based radar, cornered in a canyon, to respond positively to a bunch of gun-toting humans stomping all over their craft and shouting for them to come out!

Yet, it's really not hard to imagine the flabbergasted personnel engaging in such stupid behavior. They had something otherworldly on their hands and they really didn't know what to do with it. They just knew the clock was running and they had to do something. It was at this point that it was proposed to actually do more damage to the craft by inserting tools into the cracked hull so that they could forcibly pry it apart.

Some personnel rightfully expressed concern that such a thing could be dangerous for not only the aliens but human personnel on the ground. Could this craft have an operational defense system that could incinerate any interlopers? All of this was unknown, yet time was indeed of the essence. According to the memo, it was founding MJ-12 member Dr. Vannevar Bush who overruled everyone and ordered plans to break into the ship to go forward.

The memo states, "Finally, Dr. Bush waved all such debate on the grounds

that if some action was not taken immediately, any chance for survival of members of the ship's crew would run out with the passage of time." In other words, Majestic 12 had the chance to take live aliens into custody and were willing to take an extraordinary amount of risk, in order to gain the opportunity to secure the living crew of this spacecraft.

But it would be easier said than done. According to the document, "First heat from blowpipes was applied in excess of ten thousand degrees and finally, diamond-clipped drill bits were used until the crack was a least extended longitudinally and finally widened into a gap great enough to shine a small electric light inside and look around." And what did they see? Well, at this point apparently nothing much because it was then that they realized that all they had pried open was the outer hull and there was an inner hull immediately before it.

Or as the document goes on to state, "It was then assumed that the craft was constructed of both an inner and an outer hull separated by only a few inches. After many minutes more effort, the drill broke through into another empty space. Upon extending this opening and looking in, the research team was surprised to discover the interior to be well illuminated with sunlight."

As soon as they were able to break through to the interior, they could see that the craft was brightly lit from all angles, as if by sunlight. This is a phenomenon that many have noted in regard to ET craft. Supposedly the aliens do not light up their craft from a single source such as a light bulb, but rather the entire inside of the ship is brilliantly illuminated from all angels from some unknown source.

Beyond seeing this bright illumination through the crack, the military personnel on the ground could make no further progress in breaking through the interior hull. They tried sledgehammers, drills, blowtorches, and just about everything you could think of, but it had no effect. They were, however, eventually able to peer into the crack well enough to see what appeared to be some sort of control panel.

Incredibly enough, it's said that military personnel on the ground then took a

long rod and used it to poke around at the buttons. They had no idea what they were doing, but for the sake of their agenda, took the risk anyway. According to the memo, they somehow managed to hit a button that actually opened the hatch of the craft. It's perhaps stuff like this, that makes this narrative seem a little farfetched. Could they have really gotten lucky and just happened to hit the right button to open this saucer up?

The document itself states, "After experimentation with a long, thin rod used to probe at what looked like levers or buttons inside, a panel in the lower hull extended down along what seemed like invisible seams and became a ramp leading up into the craft." The crew then poked their heads into the ship and again "called out" to the occupants.

The memo then goes on to state, "When calling out provided no reply, the team obtained flashlights and other equipment and entered the disc-craft." Upon entering, the team came upon two apparently dead aliens, "slumped over" in their seats. The two entities were of the classic grey alien variety. They were short, with big, bald heads, big eyes—and all the typical features of this type of ET. These were apparently the pilots of the craft, dead at the controls. Later autopsies of these dead aliens apparently revealed that they had perished shortly after the crash. It was believed that the sudden change in air pressure from the cracked hull is what ultimately did them in.

At any rate, the memo then goes into great painstaking detail about the layout of the craft. After this detailed synopsis of what was learned about the structure of the craft, it's mentioned that the investigators discovered that symbolic writing emblazoned on panels often served as controls. They pressed their hands on one of these and it opened another hidden hatch. This allowed them to descend to a lower level of what was termed as the ship's "cargo hold."

It was here that they made their most startling discovery. Inside were elongated tubes in which alien greys as well as much more human-looking individuals appeared to be frozen in a cryogenic state. At first, it wasn't clear if these frozen subjects were fellow travelers or hostages being held against their will. Initially, the team assumed the frozen forms were dead. It was only

after they began transferring the frozen capsules into military trucks that they realized that the entities were actually still alive.

The capsules, which were able to stay fully powered and functional after being removed from the craft, were transferred to a facility to be stored and researched further. The craft and its components in the meantime were sent to a separate military base. According to the document, it was MJ-12 member Dr. Detlev Bronk who was in charge at the lab where a team worked to revive the cryogenically frozen occupants.

It's once the memo mentions that one of the human-like aliens is unfrozen that this particular batch of MJ-12 documents becomes hard to believe. Not because such a thing is impossible—anything is possible—but it's hard to believe because of the political, preachy slant that the discussion takes. At one point the alien allegedly references the mistreatment of Native Americans and castigates western civilization as a whole as being genocidal.

The entity allegedly states, "Navahos? Aztecs? Incas? The Olmecs and Toltecs cultures? These were all greater than your own civilizations at a time when you were burning witches and killing their cats." Really? For most, these lines just seemed way over the top. For one thing, it seems odd that this freshly unfrozen alien would mention Native American groups by name.

It's also quite odd that an ET civilization would make such biased remarks, prejudicially condemning a whole group of "westerners" while showering praise upon Native American cultures that had quite a few hang-ups of their own. Prior to the arrival of Europeans, they engaged in brutal warfare with their own indigenous neighbors. The Aztecs even practiced human sacrifice and a form of ritualized cannibalism.

So why in the world would an alien from another solar system come down and point its long skinny fingers at the past transgressions of western Europeans, and then omit all the atrocities committed by other human groups? It seems more likely to be misinformation—if not outright propaganda. And this is exactly what UFO researcher Nick Redfern thought when he first read the documents.

Nick, in fact, has developed a whole theory about the documents being real—not in the sense that they are authentic MJ-12 docs—but rather, real in the sense of them being disinformation. And not disinformation created by the U.S. military, but rather the Russians! Yes, Nick Redfern is apparently convinced that the Russians were actively seeking to spread disinformation in regard to UFO lore in general and the Majestic 12 in particular.

The Russians of course, have long tried to bash the United States as an oppressive, imperialist regime. It's often a knee-jerk reaction on their part, any time anyone dares to question the actions of Russia. Even while the Russian regime under Vladimir Putin decimated its neighboring country of Ukraine in 2022 for example—it wasn't long before Russian officials began shouting at the top of their lungs about the West's history of aggression and imperialism.

Nick Redfern for one, was thoroughly convinced of a Russian hand in these supposed MJ-12 documents. Especially after he read a little further into the transcripts and eyed mention of how the aliens were in contact with a highly advanced human society from Yugoslavia! Really?! The alien then proceeds to name-drop Nikola Tesla and claim that he had sent a radio message to them several decades prior.

At this point, the whole supposed ET interview really does read like a combination of a bad Hollywood screenplay or sheer propaganda! Very few UFO researchers could take this part of the 2017 Majestic 12 data dump seriously. Still, one can't help but notice the stark contrast between the first pages of this memo, and the final pages that contain the transcripts of the supposed preachy interview with an ET.

The first pages which detail the finding of a crashed craft in Aztec, New Mexico seem stunningly realistic, while the last few pages dealing with the supposed interview with one of the occupants seem incredibly fake. Could it be that this fanciful fiction was added to a true report on the recovery of a UFO, in order to create plausible deniability? Military intelligence has supposedly been doing this for years, as it pertains to the release of top-secret

information.

For anyone who has seen the classic UFO documentary from the 1980s —*UFO Cover-Up? Live!* They might recall how this documentary was held up to have explosive revelations from shadowy government insiders. One of these supposed insiders did indeed provide some rather stunning testimony. He spoke quite realistically of how to craft were recovered and how some ETs were even in U.S. custody.

And then right when he had you convinced that you were being relayed incredible secrets, he starts to chuckle and makes mention of how the alien's favorite food is "strawberry ice cream." At that point, the documentary became a joke. And would forever be remembered as nothing more than a bunch of nonsense about aliens eating strawberry ice cream.

Yet, some have come to believe that this was yet another case of mixing real information with garbage information. So that even while letting the secret out, it would be shouted down as unreal because of the fakery involved. Incredibly convoluted and complex? Yes, but this is the precise nature of disinformation at work. The jury is still out on the most recent batch of alleged Majestic 12 documents.

The Majestic 12, What Are We to Make of It?

In many ways, the more you look into the Majestic 12, the more the whole thing comes off as a never-ending conundrum locked within an enduring enigma. The closer you think you are to solving this riddle, the more convoluted this conspiracy seems to become. The Majestic 12 documents in themselves are the perfect example of this.

Many aspects of the documents ring true and a surprising amount of background information has been confirmed through witness testimony, as well as through other verifiable documents. Yet right when you think that any one MJ-12 document might be legitimate, you find yourself coming across what seem to be obvious forgeries, fakes, and even worse—pure and simple propaganda.

Yet, disinformation is what it is. Even under these many layers of deception, we still might find some kernels of truth. No one has yet found the smoking gun which would confirm much of the MJ-12 saga, but that does not mean it's not out there. And perhaps someday someone, somewhere—maybe even someone reading these words—will dive deep enough to find it.

Further Readings

Here you will find a wide variety of resources related to many of the topics covered in this book. Feel free to explore any of them further.

Rule By Secrecy. Jim Marrs
This is a classic book by the late Jim Marrs, that deals with a lot of the conspiratorial intrigue in regard to the Majestic 12.

Conspiracies and Secret Societies: The Complete Dossier. Brad Steiger and Sherry Steiger
The late Brad Steiger is another paranormal icon and, in this book, he discusses the MJ-12 at length.

Unacknowledged: An Expose of the World's Greatest Secret. Steven M. Greer
Mr. Greer presents us with a rather fascinating book that captures several testimonies of those who claim to have inside information on the UFO phenomena. Of particular interest for this book was the testimony of the controversial former Air Force intelligence officer Richard Doty.

The Presidents and UFOs: A Secret History from FDR to Obama. Larry Holcombe
This book was very useful in detailing UFO-related material in regard to U.S. presidents.

Top Secret/MAJIC. Stanton T. Friedman
This was UFO/MJ-12 researcher Stanton Friedman's main work on the subject.

www.mysteriousuniverse.com
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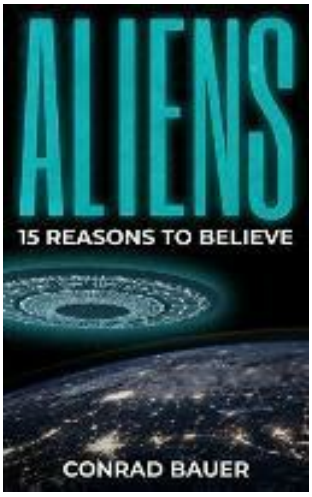

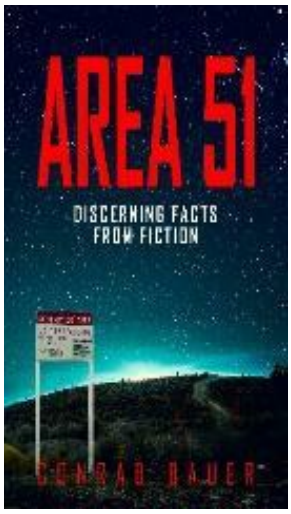

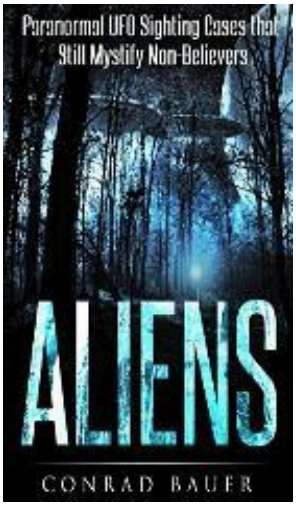

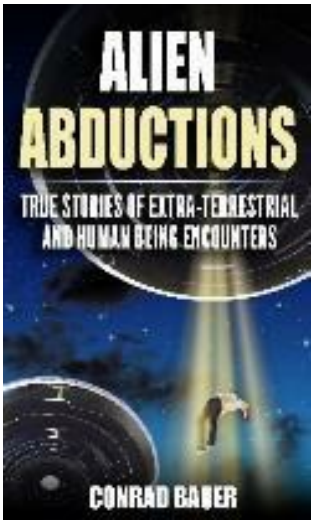

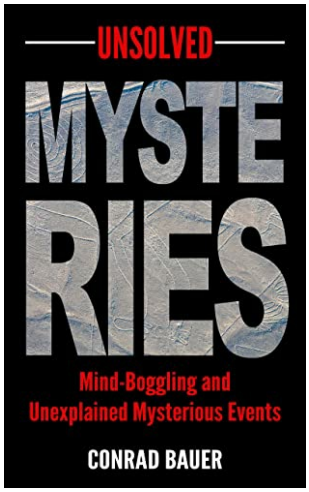

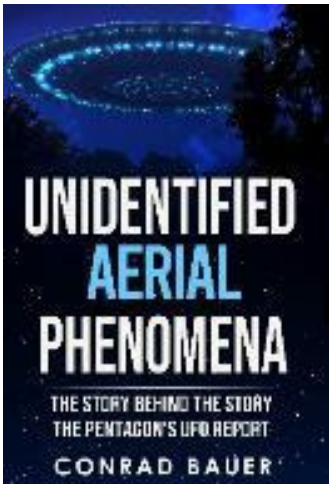

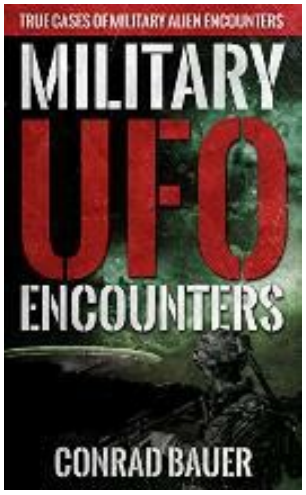
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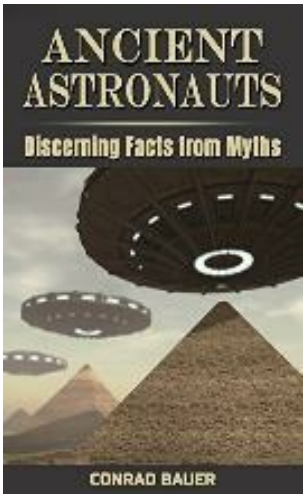
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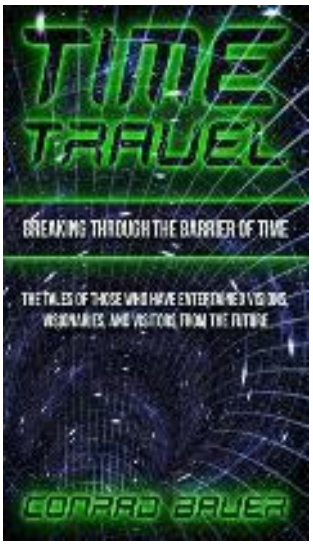
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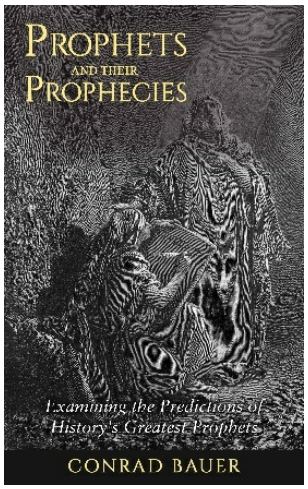
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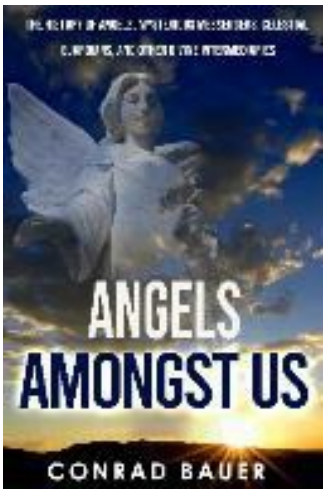
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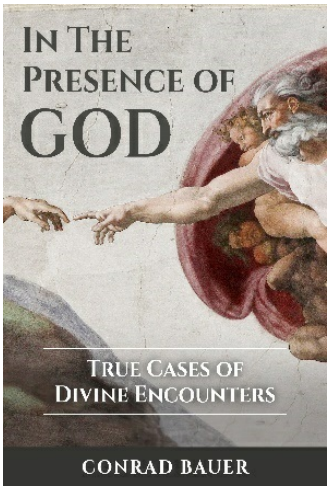
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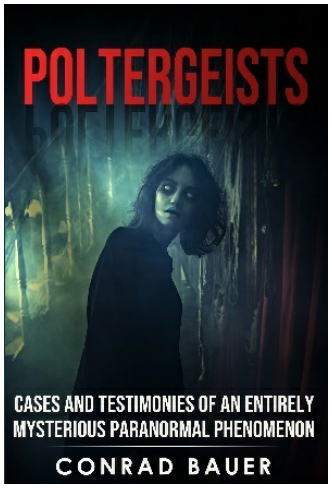
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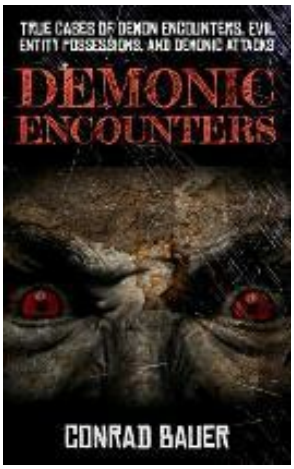
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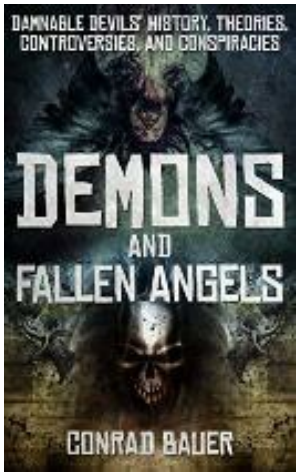
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